

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the official action dated September 25, 2006. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(b)

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 6-12, 15 & 17 as being obvious over Swiss 672340 in view of Carlton 3,560,128. The Examiner held claim 2 as being allowable. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claim 1 and has integrated the subject matter of claim 2 into claim 1, therefore claim 1 should also be allowable. Since claims 6-12, 15 and 17 are dependent on claim 1, they are depend on an amended claim and thus, these claim should also be allowable.

Claim rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claim 16 is rejected as being unpatenable over Swiss 672430 in view of 3, 560,128. As discussed above, claim 16 depends on now amended claim 1 and therefore, claim 16 also should be allowable. Thus, the rejection over Swiss 672430 in view of 3, 560,128 is moot.

Conclusion

All claims depend on claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to include allowable subject matter and therefore all dependent claims include that allowable subject matter. Accordingly, all claims are in condition of allowance.

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If entry and consideration of the amendments above requires an extension of time, Applicants respectfully request that this be considered a petition thereof. The Assistant Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee(s) due in this connection to Deposit Account No.

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ADDITIONAL FEE

Please charge any insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess, to Deposit Account No. 14-1263. Respectfully submitted,

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